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She Expects Attack From Some Quarter of Which the Public is Ignorant.

## SQUADRON ORDERED TO GIBRALTAR

Russia and France Supposed to Meditate Some Form of Interference in Transvaal—Germany Is Friendly.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The sailing of the channel squadron today for Gibraltar is now regarded by the keenest observers as an indication that some unexpected attack upon British interests is possible. The magnitude of the preparations for the war, which are out of all proportion to the requirements of the military situation, can be adequately explained on the theory that the government suspected that some great power would be tempted to seize the opportunity for striking a sudden blow or carrying out a deeply cherished policy.

The quarter from which such an attack of this kind may come is unmistakable. The Russian press has had license to criticize the English policy in South Africa, in the most acrid way, and a rumor that Herat may be occupied is already in the air. British commercial interests in Persia are so large that a Russian seizure of the commanding position in Western Afghanistan would be a serious stroke, aimed directly against free trade. That seems a more likely menace than the forcing of the Dardanelles by the Russian Black sea fleet.

The movement of a powerful French

fleet to the Levant coincides with the circulation of the rumor that the Russian advance may be resumed in Asia while England is preoccupied at war in South Africa. It also fits in with the explanation of a secret agreement between England and Germany, which I have already given in previous dispatches. This was that England, in return for a free hand in South Africa, in settling the Transvaal question, had agreed not to make any hostile use of her fleet if the German emperor were to decide the following upon his visit to Jerusalem with a serious attempt to assume any position in Asia Minor.

A prominent diplomatist, whom I consulted yesterday, remarked that the nature of the Anglo-German agreement was the closest secret in European diplomacy, but that the forgoing statement was the most reasonable explanation which he had ever heard. Denials may be expected as a matter of course, but I do not hesitate to repeat on high authority that the British navy will not be used against Germany in the Levant and that this is the secret understanding which has released England from all risk of German intervention in South Africa.

Certainly Germany is not the quarter from which England has expected that some sudden attack might be made and consequently has ordered preparations for war on a larger scale than the campaign which the Dutch bughers has justified.

The channel squadron will not sail to the Mediterranean on account of any German menace. The relations of England and Germany are most cordial, and the emperor's visit next month is a plain indication that for practical reasons he is reconciled to a policy which enables the British government to reconstruct the Dutch republics and to bring them under the authority of the crown. England and Germany are acting together in the Samoan negotiations, but not to the disadvantage of America. Indeed, Germany's policy is now directed toward the establishment of the most cordial relations with America as well as England.

General Harrison, who, with his wife, dined last night at the house of commons with Mr. Balfour, to meet the leaders in the English public life, would be a good witness for this point, for he was entertained by the emperor at Potsdam by the German chancellor at Berlin.

The moral effect of the earliest victories was invaluable. Private as well as newspaper and official dispatches certify to the amazement of the Cape Colony Dutch and the estrangement from the Boer cause of those who were hitherto strongly drawn to it. Mr. Schreiner, the colony's premier, it is stated, finds himself increasingly in sympathy with Sir Alfred Milner, thus justifying the firm belief of those who best knew both men that only close contact was needed to bring the Cape premier into permanent co-operation with the high commissioner. Mr. Hofmeyer, the Bund leader, is believed always to have dreaded this conjunction, which must deprive the Dutch secret confederation of political captains on which it counted.

### WILL INTERFERE.

Report That France and Russia Intend to Make Trouble for England.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—A dispatch to the Herald from Berlin says:

Telegrams from Brussels announce that in the Transvaal legation circles it is stated that France and Russia will not permit the annexation of the

Transvaal and the Orange Free State to England.

The central committee of the German Red Cross Society is sending surgeons, nurses and complete ambulance materials to the Transvaal by the East Africa line steamer leaving Naples in November for Delagoa bay. The English Red Cross Society, to whom offers of some assistance were made, declined them with thanks.

### DEARLY BOUGHT VICTORIES.

List of Killed and Wounded in Boer Campaign Has Reached Enormous Proportions.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—A dispatch to the World from London says:

The ministers and their supporters are now realizing that they plunged into the war with reckless haste, and the queen's message, in which she speaks of "dearly bought victories" and "dreadful loss of life," indicate, with a plainness which she has never before permitted herself to indulge in under like circumstance, her disapproval of the war.

The British forces in Natal have already lost in killed and wounded nearly 500 men in these days' fighting. The Gordon Highlanders lost only one officer and five men killed in their famous attack on Dargal Heights in the Afridi campaign, while at Pland's Laagto they had four officers killed and nine wounded, 20 men killed and 33 wounded.

The Boers distinguished and shot the officers by reason of their carrying no rifles, their uniform being the same as that of the men.

The squadron of Hussars and the section of mounted infantry which pursued the Boers after the first fight at Glencoe, last Friday, are still missing.

Prolongation of the war beyond British expectation is now regarded as certain.

### MANTELL A BANKRUPT.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Robert B. Mantell, the actor, was relieved of his financial obligations in the United States district court today. He filed his petition several months ago, scheduling \$13,847 liabilities and \$1,600 assets, and when the matter had been passed upon by the referee and came before Judge Kohlsaat without being objected to, all the debts were wiped out by order of the court.

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